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REF: A) YEREVAN 484 B) YEREVAN 836 C) YEREVAN 840 YEREVAN 00001091 001.2 OF 003

Classified By: Amb. John M. Evans for reasons 1.4 (b, d).

SUMMARY

1. (C) Ambassador, DCM and Poloff met with Armenian Prosecutor General (PG) Aghvan Hovsepyan August 8 about allegations of investigative misc PROSTITUTES ALLEGE CORRUPTION IN PG'S OFFICE

2. (C) On July 28, three alleged trafficking victims from Gyumri, Armenia's second-largest city, were interviewed by investigators from the PG

3. (SBU) We met the women at the Hope and Help office, and spoke at length to two of the three prostitutes, Karine Mkrtchyan and Karine Madoyan

4. (SBU) Both Madoyan and Mkrtchyan said they had been paid only a fraction of what was owed to them. Mkrtchyan, who worked for the pimp for five

5. (SBU) The trafficker was reported to the Shirak regional police, who opened a case against her and qualified it under the trafficking statute

6. (SBU) Mkrtchyan and Madoyan claimed PG office investigators Gasparyan and Yeremyan told them to recant the testimonies they had given to the

7. (SBU) COMMENT: There were some discrepancies in the victims' stories. We also have some questions about the YEREVAN 00001091 002.2 OF 003 n THERE IS AN OLD ARMENIAN SAYING

8. (C) Ambassador, DCM and Poloff met together with the PG to underline the seriousness of the case, both in its own right and as a bellwether

9. (C) Prosecutor General Aghvan Hovsepyan was aware of the reason for our call. He smirked unmistakably as the Ambassador raised our points.

10. (C) Hovsepyan said he had personally investigated the allegations, and said that the case notes made it clear that the prostitutes had been PG AGREES TO INVESTIGATE

11. (C) The Ambassador said he disagreed with the proverb, and that the shared Christian heritage of our countries compelled us to "hate the c

12. (C) Finally, Hovsepyan agreed to launch an internal investigation of the allegations. He said he would solicit the NGO's input. But he cor COMMENT: MUCH CAUSE FOR CONCERN, BUT ALL IS NOT LOST

13. (C) Hovsepyan's performance was in character and betrayed the PG's apparent personal attitude toward trafficking victims and cases. We thi EVANS